

Board of Commissioners

December 3, 2007 – 8:45 am

Meeting called to order by President Rininger. Commissioners Rininger, Logsdon, Gogel, and Board Attorney Lueken were present.

Lincoln Painting

Gene Steinkamp and Tom Kennedy addressed the commissioners about having a local unveiling of the Lincoln painting which Kennedy painted. There will be an unveiling at the State House in Indianapolis on either the 11th or the 19th. Rininger suggested unveiling before the Courthouse Christmas Dinner on the 21st at 11:30. Logsdon stated that he would like to see if the county could purchase one for the courthouse.

Claims

Logsdon made a motion to approve all claims. Gogel seconded. All in favor.

Minutes

11/05/07 minutes, Logsdon made a motion to approve. Gogel seconded. All in favor.

11/20/07 minutes, Logsdon made a motion to approve. Gogel seconded. All in favor.

11/20/07 joint Commissioners / Council minutes, Logsdon made a motion to approve with the change of a name. Gogel seconded. All in favor.

Vacation of Alley

Attorney Kevin Patmore sent a Petition to Vacate Portions of Street and Alley in McCoy's Addition to Bloomfield to the commissioners. No action could be taken at this time.

Animal Control Ordinance

Gogel stated that the Animal Control Board has drafted an ordinance for the commissioners. Logsdon made a motion to table the ordinance until the December 18th meeting. Gogel seconded. All in favor.

Highway Report

IPEP - Highway Superintendent Painter stated that he would like to have IPEP considered again for workman's comp insurance. The current provider does not hold safety meetings. Logsdon stated that Chris Middleton will be in the meeting later and it can be discussed with her.

2000N – Painter stated that he received a second proposal on the repair of CR 2000N which was lower than the first one received. Engineer Lloyd stated she spoke with Calvin Evans of INDOT and he will be providing the county with a written statement that INDOT will reimburse the county for the repairs. Painter recommended going with the lowest bid, since the repair is nothing major and both companies do quality work.

Engineer Report

Engineer Lloyd stated that on December 6th a meeting is set up with Calvin Evans of INDOT at 11:30 at the county garage regarding the construction of new SR 231 South of Dale, from CR 1250N to SR 162.

Logsdon suggested that the state needs better signage during construction to prevent people from turning on to the wrong lane.

Indiana Association of County Commissioners

Most Enterprising Commissioner – At the 2007 Indiana Association of County Commissioners, Commissioner Al Logsdon was awarded the "Most Enterprising Commissioner" for his work on the drainage issues in Spencer County. Logsdon stated that the award was won by a group of men and women on the Drainage Task Force; there should be about 20 more names on the plaque. Rininger stated that Logsdon brought a new way of thinking about the problem. Logsdon also recognized the county council for their foresight in funding the project.

Legal Report

Lueken presented the commissioners with a copy of the proposed legal notice of the four bid packages for the Highway Department: fuel, crushed limestone, and AEP Prime. Lueken suggested that the bid bond be waived. Logsdon made a motion to approve the legal notice. Gogel seconded. All in favor.

Insurance

Chris Middleton, Spencer County Insurance, came before the commissioners to discuss liability insurance. Logsdon asked Middleton about the workman's comp coverage by IPEP, brought up by Painter earlier in the meeting. Logsdon stated that Painter expressed concern that the current provider does not do safety meetings. Deputy Graham stated that Bituminous has constantly come in lower than any other provider. Middleton stated she is not the representative for the workman's comp insurance but she knows the person who is and is aware of the coverage. Middleton stated that the problem with IPEP is that they are not an insurance company. They are a co-op. If there is a large disaster, there is no guarantee you will be paid the full amount you need. Middleton said OSHA can provide safety meetings, and she will also speak with Bituminous and see if they will be willing to provide the meetings.

Middleton provided the commissioners with a breakdown of the liability coverage for the county buildings. The property (structural) values increased by \$8,118,778, the automobile values increased \$126,135, and the inland marine increased 22,736. Middleton stated that last year the premium paid by the county was \$152,658. The premium for this year will be \$151,250. Middleton explained that the reason it decreased, even though the values increased, is due to receiving the maximum 11% credit from the company. The credit is due to the Sheriff's department getting their SOP's and upgrading security equipment, Lueken and Graham staying on top of any losses, having the buildings properly valued, and the county agreeing to do a three year program with the company. Middleton also complimented Painter for all of the safety work they have done. Middleton stated that the boiler and machinery premium will be \$2,878. Gogel made a motion to accept the premium of \$151,250 for liability coverage and \$2,878 for Boiler and Machinery coverage. Logsdon seconded. All in favor.

Santa Claus Water Engineering

Matt Robinson, of Capital Engineering, came before the commissioners regarding the Santa Claus Water project installing pipe in the county right-of-way. Rininger stated that the issue is the cuts that would need to be made on the county roads. Robinson stated that on the section of road where the pipe must run down the middle of the road, Santa Claus Water can do a full width patch. Painter expressed concern over closing the road and having equipment setting on the road while working in the right-of-way. Lloyd stated that the road would need to be bonded during the project. Robinson stated that the road would need to be closed, except to local traffic, for 6 to 8 weeks. Flaggers would still be needed for the local traffic. Rininger asked when this would take place. Robinson stated that bids will be taken after the first of the year for spring. Lloyd stated that if bonding is going to be required then Robinson will need to get it in the bid package so the cost can be figured into the bid. Logsdon stated that the county has spent \$400,000 on that road in the last few years and the commissioners would be negligent if they did not take care of it. Gogel stated that the road needs to be back to the same condition. Logsdon asked Robinson to have extra signage alerting drivers to the possibility of equipment being in the road. Robinson stated the signage is part of the specs. Logsdon asked why the easements were not obtained to go straight across the farm land instead of following the road. Robinson stated that he was told that Attorney Patmore encountered some resistance in getting the easements. Painter stated that the plan calls for cutting several county roads which intersect with CR 800 and SR 245. Logsdon asked Lloyd and Painter to put together the requirements for repairs on a county road and have Robinson add the requirements to the specs for the bid package. Robinson stated that he will also add bond forms. Lloyd stated she will have them together for the commissioners' approval on the 18th. Logsdon asked what would happen if there is a leak down the road. Robinson stated that an extra casing pipe can be added to the pipe which runs under the road.

Legal Report

Purchasing Ordinance – Lueken discussed the options available for purchasing under the proposed purchasing ordinance and changes that were made. Logsdon made a motion to table the ordinance and direct Lueken to present the final copy at the next meeting. Gogel seconded. All in favor.

Property Maintenance Ordinance – Debbie Steinkamp, Solid Waste Director, presented the Property Maintenance Ordinance. Gogel stated that he still has a problem with requiring mowing when grass is only 12". Logsdon recommended changing it to 18". Lueken discussed providing for a hearing. Steinkamp will revise the ordinance and have it ready for the meeting on the 18th.

Logsdon made a motion to adjourn. Gogel seconded. All in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 11:13 am.

Board of Commissioners,

President
Attest:

Cindy Shelton, Auditor
